MUSI 432
Gradate Aural Skills Review
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Objectives
This course presents an overview of the harmonic language in the Common Practice period. We will begin with diatonic harmony and proceed to chromatic harmony including Secondary Dominants, Neapolitan chords, and Augmented 6th chords. In addition to harmonic and melodic dictation, we will also study rhythmic exercises, and singing in different clefs. We hope to gain the proficiency both in theory and aural skills.

Attendance
Attendance and Participation: Aural Skills is only learned through practice and experience. Attendance is very important in this course. Missing more than 3 classes will have an impact on your **final** grade. *Missing class is no excuse for not doing homework. Any electronic devices are not allowed during classroom time.*

Review/Homework
There will be homework through out the semester, and please review the materials presented in class. If you are having problems with the material, please arrange for further practice outside of class; we are counting on your diligence to pursue self-directed study after hours.

Exams
Exams will consist of two parts: 1) a written portion taken in class, 2) short individual meetings (these will include sight-singing and sight-reading).

Grading**:** Final grade will be computed as follows: Attendance and homework (40%); Three exams (60% @ 20% each).

Disability Services
If you have a documented disability or other condition that may affect academic performance you should: 1) make sure this documentation is on file with Disability Support Services (Allen Center, Room 111 / adarice@rice.edu / x5841) to determine the accommodations you need; and 2) talk with me to discuss your accommodation needs.

Rice Honor Code

In this course, all students will be held to the standards of the Rice Honor Code, a code that you pledged to honor when you matriculated at this institution. If you are unfamiliar with the details of this code and how it is administered, you should consult the Honor System Handbook at http://honor.rice.edu/honor-system-handbook/. This handbook outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of your academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process.

This syllabus is subject to change during the course of the semester:

Section 1: exam: February 6th (written), February 11th (singing)

1. Harmonic progression: intervals, triads, and 7th chords;
   diatonic harmonic progressions(including sequences)
2. Melodic: singing different clefs- 1 part; dictation- 1 part
3. Rhythmic: playing 2 parts; dictation -1 part

Section 2: exam: March 10th (written), March 12th (singing)

1. Harmonic progression: secondary dominantes
2. Melodic: singing different clefs; dictation—2 parts
3. Rhythmic: playing 2 parts; dictation- 1 part

Section 3: exam April 21th (written), April 18th (TBA) last day of class is April 21st

1. Harmonic progression: Neapolitan chord and Augmented 6th chords
2. Melodic: mixed clefs; dictation – 2 parts
3. Rhythmic: playing 2 parts; dictation- 1 part